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SETTING UP OF LARGE AND SMALL NURSERIES UNDER IDF SCHEME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether target for setting up of large and small nurseries under the scheme for Integrated Development of Fruits (IDF) has not been achieved during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the efforts made by the Government to achieve the target in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): During the Eighth Five Year Plan, 54 big and 421 small nurseries wereestablished against a target of 85 big and 350 small nurseries respectively. The shortfall in achieving the target of big nurseries was mainly due to the high cost involved in its establishment through the Public Sector/State Government.

(c): During the IX Five Year Plan, setting up of big and small nurseries areencouraged in the Private Sector under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on MacroManagement in Agriculture − Supplementation/Complementation of State Effortsthrough Work Plans. Under the Scheme, the State Governments have the freedom toinclude the components as per their felt needs and requirement. Assistance for nurseries is being provided as back ended subsidy linked with institutional financing @ 25% of the total cost subject to a maximum ceiling of Rs.8.00 lakhs for big nurseries and Rs.2.00 lakhs for small nurseries. During the Eighth Plan the maximum assistance for big nurseries was Rs.18.00 lakhs while for the small nurseries the assistance was limited to Rs.0.20 lakhs per nursery.